

1640-1653

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England & Scotland

The long Parliament

C 1640 AD.

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Carmichael's day in Britain

An able seaman made  
24 shillings per month

1640

Poland / Lithuania

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death of Joel Sikes

1640

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Independence of Portugal

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One thousand witches  
and wizards were burnt  
alive in the small Silesian  
principality of Neisse

1640

Frederick William, "the Great Elector" succeeds George William in Brandenburg. He makes peace with Sweden.

England: The LONG Parliament meets  
Portugal revolts from Spain, John of Braganza king. War of Independence

C1640

Louis XIII of France (1601-43)

From a spoiled child Louis XIII of France (1601-43) developed into a weak, though not uncourageous man.

He was a puppet in the hands of his mother during her regency, and in later years was eclipsed by Richelieu.

His mother was Marie de' Medici. She became regent in 1610 & reversed her husband's

anti-Hapsburg policy and arranged a  
marriage for Louis XIII with Anne of  
Austria



Nov. 3, 1640 - Mar 16, 1660

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## LONG PARLIAMENT

During the CIVIL WAR and Protectorate of Cromwell in England. It impeached and executed STRAFFORD and LAUD.

Abolished the Star Chamber and High Commission. Declared ship-money illegal. Prohibited taxation without consent of Parliament and enacted laws against the dissolution of Parliament without its consent. A part of this body, known

as the "RUMP" executed King Charles I  
And established the Commonwealth.

1640

Short Parliament 3 wks.

After 11 yrs of personal rule Charles I was faced to summon parliament. He needed revenue from taxes to put down a Scottish rebellion against the imposition of an Anglican episcopacy and ritual on the essentially Presbyterian nation. The "Short Parliament" of 1640 lasted only 3 wks dissolved by Charles when it refused to grant funds until its grievances were redressed. Only months later after a Scottish invasion of England, Charles had to summon a new Parliament; famous

as the "Long Parliament" because it remained in  
existence until 1660. Those in opposition to the  
king quickly gained ascendancy and in a series of  
measures in 1641 effected a constitutional revolution.  
It was made unlawful for more than 3 yrs to dissolve  
without the calling of Parliament and for Parliament  
to be dissolved without its consent. The Council of  
Star Chamber and High Commission were abolished.  
Extra Parliamentary taxation was effectually banned. &  
Parliament impeached and imprisoned the king's two  
chief ministers, the Earl of Strafford (executed in 1641) &  
Archbishop Laud (executed in 1645)

1640

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MADRAS, India founded

1640

Portugal regains its independence

1640

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The first school in Rhode Island  
was at Newport.

Providence followed with  
a grant to support a school  
in 1663

1640

Bay Psalm Book  
oldest surviving book  
printed in British America.



Aug 28, 1640

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Scots won victory at Newburn  
on Tyne in second Bishop's Wars.

Oct 26, 1640

Treaty of Ripon

Charles I forced to sign Treaty  
of Ripon to end Bishops' Wars

1640

After the death of Philip II in 1598, Spain increasingly ignored the guarantees that had accompanied the union of Spain and Portugal in 1580. The Count of Olivares, the energetic minister of Philip IV, working through the Portuguese born Miguel Vasconcelos, filled Portuguese offices with Castilians. At the same time he crossed anger by his failure to defend Portugal's overseas empire against the Dutch. In 1636 he extended a Castilian property tax to Portugal, the ensuing rebellion was easily crushed. In 1640 Olivares

proclaimed the abolition of the Portuguese Cortes, a national assembly & the merging of Portuguese and Castilian Armies. Within 3 hrs, a national revolt broke out. The Duke of Braganza declared himself King John IV of an independent Portugal. There was a simultaneous revolt against Castilians in Catalonia and Andalusia. In 1648, Portugal was excluded from the peace negotiations in Westphalia that concluded the 30 yrs war. In 1663, Don Juan Alcantara captured Lisbon for Spain. But the war of liberation finally ended at the Portuguese victory at the Battle of MONTESCAROS in 1665. In 1668 Portugal's independence was formally acknowledged by Spain.

1640

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The Swedish Colony, founded  
in Delaware in 1640 began almost  
at once to encourage education.  
Books were sent over from Sweden

1640

Short Parliament .  
Long Parliament .

England

1640 AD

Antecedents for nationalism and the nation-state are to be found in Ancient Greece, in ethnocentric religions, and in centralized institutions of China, Spain, and France. But by about 1640 nationalism was becoming a matter of public enthusiasm, and an English poet could remark unambiguously: "Let not England forget her precedence of leading nations how to live" (John Milton 1643)

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the last recorded use of Torture  
in England was during the  
reign of Charles I



1640

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The first louis d'or pieces  
were struck in France